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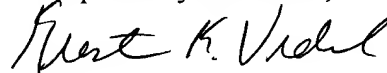
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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. An Abstract of JP 10-297905 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. A computer-generated English translation of JP 10-297905 has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy.
- ☒ 4. U.S. Patent No. 6,332,913 (copy enclosed) is the English-language equivalent of DE 198 60 253 C1; GB 2 080 144 A (copy enclosed) is the English-language equivalent of DE 3127475 A1 and DE 3127548 A1; U.S. Patent No. 3,486,301 (copy enclosed) is the English-language equivalent of DE 1 939 638; and GB 833,837 (copy enclosed) is the English-language equivalent of DE 1 091 990.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

Official Letter from the German Patent Office regarding a counterpart German patent application dated March 24, 2003 (German-language version and English-language translation).

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